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One paper in the home is worth a dozen in the by-way. THE DEMOCRAT IS THE HOME PAPER OF Mercer County.

## The Joys of Christmas Time

By Kennett Harris



Hark! the merry chimes are warning us that this is Christmas morning. And 'tis time that we were rising, though the hour isn't late. Still, the kids will be flocking, each to overhaul his stocking. And there's seeds of things we've got to do that really cannot wait.

Yet, before we kick the clothes off (quite determined not to do so off), let's indulge in dreamy musing on this joyous Christmastide; let us, while the bells are pealing, get up some real Christmas feeling. Fill ourselves with sweet emotions that are not quite cut and dried. True, the minutes fast are gliding, but, comrade 'em, let 'em glide.

Think of these long weeks of waiting, all the glad anticipating of the gay and festive season that at last, at last is here; never resting, never stopping in our mad career of shopping, searching over the ideal, not too cheap and not too dear; crushed and elbowed in the reeking crowds, that like ourselves are seeking just the very thing of all things that their loved ones most desired. Limp and dragged then emerging from the pushing, struggling, surging mob, with parcels overlaid, reaching home at last, dog tired. Those experiences may be best described as "most all-fired."

Yet no antiquated stoic showed endurance more heroic than we've manifested through the weary ordeal of that time; we have stood the stress of battle with the courage of a martyr; now we find sweet compensation listening to the Christmas chime. Whose clear cadence, soft and mellow, seems to whisper to a fellow that the worst is nearly over; that we soon may breathe again. Soon may find succor of sorrow, and that, maybe by tomorrow. Or the next day, may be lifted something of this mental strain. That a blessed sense of rest may soothe the tissues of our brain.

We have done with haste and hurry, no occasion now to worry. Least some sensitive relation may have been quite overlooked. All the lists of names are checked and all the walls with green are decked, and now within a few short hours the Christmas dinner will be cooked. Hail to Christmas! happy season! There is some substantial reason to be gleeful at this advent—the beginning of the end. As thou comest wreathed with holly, we can certainly be jolly. Welcome thee with feast and wassail, and in general unbend. For we know that we have spent for thee the last cent we can spend!

Now the door bell will cease ringing to the people who were bringing an endless string of packages from morn to dewy eve; we no longer will be running to conceal those things with cunning. And we'll lose our wonted air of having something up our sleeve. There will be a deuced litter, when the gewgaws gleam and glitter. Of waste paper, string and cotton, from the kitchen to the hall; but, with consciences elastic, we will grow enthusiastic. And "wonder how they guessed," as on the donors' necks we fall, looking blissful over dewdrops that we didn't want at all.

Ah, this blessed thing of giving! It is half the joy of living. To watch the looks of gratitude and pleasure and surprise that, at least to outward seeming, are upon loved faces beaming—As the loved one opens his parcel and digs out his gaudy tie. And the gentle wife and mother her emotion tries to smother. When conducted by her husband, to some secret corner, where, as a proof of fond affection, he has hid from her detection, His gift to her, a cozy, costly, well-upholstered chair (Of whose comforts, in the future, you may bet he'll get his share).

Now this Christmas spirit moves us to sense that it behooves us to keep Poverty's bare platter and fill Destitution's cup. Bring truck and pile and gladness to the homes of empty sadness! To help out sweet Christmas charity who would not loosen up? But it's highly aggravating not to say exasperating. When we've given most nobly and without thought of stint, To find out, as we expected, that the modest are neglected. And our princely benefaction hasn't found its way to print. (Certainly we didn't ask it, but a man might take a hint).

But away with sad reflection! This is no time for dejection. Merry Christmas, happy Christmas, as we said, has come at last! All the many tribulations, all the trials and vexations That have crowded thick upon us for the last six weeks, are past. Not a protest shall be uttered, though the house with toys is cluttered. And the kids are all parading to the sound of horn and drum, Lusty lung and larynx yelling the extent of their rejoicing. We will have to stand the racket now that Christmas day is come. (Later tone our nervous system at some sanitarium).

Thank the Giver if we're able to sit 'round a well-spread table, Where the plump white-bosomed turkey sheds its savor through the room, And pudding comes on smoking, and there's no end to the joking, And no heart that harbors malice and no mind o'ercast with gloom.

Let us be profoundly grateful that we have at least a plentiful, Grateful for the peppy tablets that correct our Christmas cheer; Hold it as among our mercies if there's coin left in our purses, Be thankful for those dear to us and those who hold us dear. (And most supremely thankful Christmas comes but once a year).

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## MONTEZUMA FARM INSTITUTE

Next Week Will Open Mid-Winter Campaign for Agricultural Improvement.

On Friday and Saturday, the 29th and 30th inst., the annual institute campaign among Mercer County farmers will open at Montezuma with one of the finest and most enlightening programs that has ever been arranged for any farmers' institute anywhere.

Secretary Irvin Hole has received a letter from Prof. Shaw, Chief State Inspector of Nursery and Orchard work in Ohio, that he has arranged an interesting and educational exhibit along fruit-growing lines and with them is sending out an expert instructor and demonstrator, F. N. Fagin, who will visit the Montezuma Institute and will be pleased to answer any questions and inspect any diseased specimens of trees, vines, or shrubs that may be brought to him.

Mr. Fagin will make a short talk at the morning session on "Nursery Stock and Pruning," and in the afternoon on "Orchard Enemies and Spraying." Exhibits of mounted insects, diseased orchard and nursery stock, pruning models, pruning tools, spray materials, spray nozzles, photographs (enlarged), hydrometer and microscopes.

Mrs. Laura Barrett, of Washington, C. H., this State, who will also come to Montezuma under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture, will bring messages of better things for the women folk. She lectures on "Women's Work and Influence in the World," "Household Economics," "From Then and Now."

The program for the meeting, besides the special features mentioned, is as follows:

Morning session, 9:30—Opening exercises, Rev. Heinlin The New Agriculture, L. G. Spencer Round Table Discussion, H. W. Burdige Music

Profit in the Dairy, S. J. Baldwin Round Table Talk, Thomas Hurd Adjournment for noon

Afternoon session—Music Appointment of committees Problems of Soil Fertility, L. G. Spencer Round Table Discussion, E. G. Barker Twenty minutes for Discussion Music

Increasing the Fertility of the Soil, S. J. Baldwin Round Table Discussion, L. G. Spencer Adjournment

Evening session, 7:00—Evolution of the Farmer, S. J. Baldwin Saturday, morning session—Music

Corn King in America, S. J. Baldwin Discussion by D. S. Monroe Round Table Topics Music

Renewing and Care of Old Orchards Opening Remarks by L. T. Arthur Adjournment—Noon

Afternoon session—Music Feeds and How to Use Them, S. J. Baldwin Opening Discussion by Clinton Lane Round Table Discussion Music

Sanitation of the Farm Home, L. G. Spencer Discussion by A. L. Bennett Round Table Discussion Report of Committees Adjournment

Round Table Topics 1. Ohio Department of Agriculture. 2. Experiment Station. 3. Agricultural College. 4. Farm Labor Bureau. 5. Cheap Ohio Lands. 6. Uses of Gasoline Engines. 7. Uses of Cement on Farm. 8. Pure Seed Law. 9. Social Life on the Farm. 10. Why Decreasing Rural Population? 11. Beautifying Country Homes. 12. The State Fair. 13. Government Aid for Good Roads. 14. Community Buying and Selling. 15. Why Decline of Country School and Church. 16. Farm Book-keeping. 17. Clover Boosts and Thistle Knocks. 18. Parcels Post. 19. Free-Carden Seeds. 20. Agricultural Train. 21. Orchard Demonstrations. 22. Extension Schools. 23. County Fair Exhibits by State. 24. Farmers' Exchange. 25. Home, Sweet Home.

PROBATE COURT DOINGS

In the matter of John F. Linneam, guardian of Alvin and Roma Linneam, proceedings to sell real estate, hearing had and order of appraisal made. In the matter of the estate of Lawrence Talbot, deceased, sale bill filed. In the matter of the estate of John Meyer, deceased, inventory and appraisal filed. In the matter of the estate of John Meyer, deceased, inventory and appraisal filed. In the matter of the estate of John Meyer, deceased, inventory and appraisal filed.

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L. G. SPENCER, Of Niles, Trumbull County, one of the State lecturers, who will appear at the Montezuma institute next week.

Born in Ohio. Age 48. Married. Wife and two sons. Graduate of Grand River Institute, 1877. Taught school ten years. One hundred and five acres of land. Specializes in fruit growing and dairying. Chairman of executive committee of S. C. B. Believes in civic improvement, advocates beautiful farms and farm homes. "Dairying for Profit," "Problems of Soil Fertility," "Renewing and Care of Old Orchards," "Sanitation in the Farm Home," "The New Agriculture."

## SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON ARE RE-EMPLOYED

A Schunck and wife were reemployed as Superintendent and Matron of the County Infirmary by the Board of Directors at their meeting last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Schunck have had charge of the institution for the past three years, and they have made good in every particular.

The Board at the same time re-employed Dr. L. D. Brumm as the infirmary physician. Dr. Brumm has served in this capacity for the past ten years.

## GOOD ROADS WANTED IN UNION

The people of Union township are getting an early start toward the improvement of roads for next year, and have already filed two petitions.

One improvement will be known as the Miller & Drake road, and begins at the southwest corner of Section 8, extending thence one mile west and two miles north to the county line. The other improvement will be known as the Fentz pike, an begins at the end of the Miller & Drake pike, thence extending west one and an eighth mile to the Rockbeck pike on the township line between Union and Dublin.

Sheriff Fisher was at Mendon Tuesday, where he, with C. H. Street, A. P. Dull and John Wiley, appraised the Yocum farm, under court orders in a partition suit. The land was appraised at \$17,500.

We handle the Gunn sectional book cases, the best on the market. They are a solid appearance, and have no unsightly iron bands between sections, and are dust proof. At W. A. J. McDaniel's.

## COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

A Christmas Story by O. Henry

HERE are no more Christmas stories to write. Fiction is exhausted; and newspaper items, the next best, are manufactured by clever young journalists who have married early and have an engaging pessimistic view of life. Therefore, for reasonable diversion, we are reduced to two very questionable sources—facts and philosophy. We will begin with—whichever you choose to call it.

Children are pestiferous little animals with which we have to cope under a bewildering variety of conditions. Especially when childish sorrows overwhelm them are we put to our wit's end. We exhaust our pearly store of consolation; and then beat them, sobbing, to sleep. Then we grovel in the dust of a million years, and ask God why. Thus we call out of the rat-rap. As for the children, no one understands them except old maids, hunchbacks, and shepherd dogs.

Now come the facts in the case of the Rag-Doll, the Tatterdemalion, and the Twenty-fifth of December. On the tenth of that month the Child of the Millionaire lost her rag-doll. There were many servants in the Millionaire's place on the Hudson, and these ransacked the house and grounds, but without finding the lost treasure. The child was a girl of five, and one of those perverse little beasts that often wound the sensibilities of wealthy parents by fixing their affections upon some vulgar, inexpensive toy instead of upon diamond-studded automobiles and pony phaetons.

The child grieved sorely and truly, a thing inexplicable to the Millionaire, to whom the rag-doll market was about as interesting as Bay State Gas; and to the Lady, the child's mother, who was all for form—that is, nearly all, as you shall see.

The child cried inconsolably, and grew hollow-eyed, knock-kneed, spindling, and corymbous in many other respects. The Millionaire smiled and tapped his coffers confidently. The pick of the output of the French and German toy-makers was rushed by special delivery to the mansion, but Rachel refused to be comforted. She was weeping for her rag child, and was for a high protective tariff against all foreign foolishness. Then doctors with the finest bedside manners and stop-watches were called in. One by one they chattered futilely about peptonmanganate of iron and sea voyages and hypophosphites until their stop-watches showed that Bill Renshaw was under the wire for show or place. Then, as men, they advised

that the rag-doll be found as soon as possible and restored to its mourning parent. The child sniffed at their theories, chewed a thumb, and waited.

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## DISTANCED ALL HIS COMPETITORS

Ex-Probate Judge C. S. Younger of this city has just been notified of his selection as Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellowship of Ohio. Judge Younger has been one of the most prominent Odd Fellows of the State for the past several years, and for six years past has served as a representative of the lodge in this district and as chairman of the Home committee, one of the most important committees of the Grand Lodge. He was one of the hardest and most enthusiastic workers in the building of the new I. O. O. F. home at Springfield. Returns from almost all of the 800 lodges in the State shows the following vote for the candidates for the office:

J. P. Allen, of Cincinnati, 1234; J. T. McCalland, of Kings Mills, 712; C. E. Miller, of Springfield, 1938; C. S. Younger, of Celina, 4475.

Judge Younger's triumphant selection is a signal honor to himself and to the Celina lodge.

## RAUDAUBAUGH LOSES OUT IN SUPREME COURT

The State Supreme court last week sustained the decision of the Common Pleas Court in the case of L. F. Raudabaugh vs. the village of Celina. The suit was brought by Mr. Raudabaugh several years ago, following the fire which partly destroyed his grist mill at the foot of Main street. Raudabaugh alleged that his mill caught fire from sparks from the old Hoke and Fanger mill, several days after that building was destroyed by fire, and that his fire was caused by negligence of the Celina fire department. Raudabaugh lost out in the Common Pleas court. In the Circuit court, the judges could not agree and presiding judge Silas E. Harris filed a minority report in favor of Mr. Raudabaugh. The action of the Supreme Court only sustains their previous like decisions. Mr. Raudabaugh's claim was for \$4,000.

## TO COMBAT PROFANITY SOCIETY IS FORMED

Almost a hundred men of the Catholic Church of this city met with the pastor, Rev. George Hindelang, in the church last Sunday afternoon following the vespers services and organized what is known as a Holy Name Society. The object of the society is to endeavor to prevent the irreverent use of the name of our Lord and all use of profane and obscene language.

Father George presided at the meeting, with Father Henry Lennartz acting as temporary secretary. A committee, consisting of Henry Lennartz, P. E. Kenney and Lawrence Schunck, was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the society. When they are ready to report another meeting will be held and permanent officers chosen.

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## BOX SOCIAL FOR BENEFIT OF SCHOOL

There will be a box social at the Robert School-house, near Tannah, in Hopewell township, on Friday evening, December 29, for the benefit of the school. The ladies are requested to bring the boxes, and the gentlemen are expected to do the handsome thing. Everybody cordially invited to come and enjoy a pleasant social evening.

## LYNCH AGAIN ARRESTED AND LOCKED UP

William Lynch, a familiar figure in police circles, and who just recently returned from serving a term in the workhouse, was arrested about seven o'clock last night by Marshal Weber and Night Policeman Melroy, charged with stealing a grip, containing razors, scissors, knives, watches, etc., from a street merchant. He was lodged in jail to await a hearing.

## AMONG OUR OLD FRIENDS

G. A. Bourille, of Coldwater, Route 1, was in town yesterday on his way to Georgia for an indefinite stay, stopping at The Democrat office long enough to pay his subscription and to receive his paper.

Elly Denny, of Golden Gate, Ill., was in town Monday looking after business matters, and in company with W. M. Granger, north of Mendon, and a neighbor, paid this office a pleasant call. Mr. Denny left a renewal for his brother Elly who resides near him, and Mr. Granger one for himself. Mr. Denny likes Illinois very much—better than he anticipated.

Ora Howell, of Coldwater, Route 2, and Arthur Andrews, of Route 4, were among our old readers to drop in with renewals yesterday.

J. H. Busch, of Mendon, has made his annual renewal. He recently sold his farm north of Mendon, and is arranging for the sale of his chattels the first of February. Mr. Busch will look us up.

J. N. Stump, of Bradford Junction, was in town Wednesday, squaring up with the tax man and The Democrat, after which he went to Montezuma for a day among his old neighbors.

J. H. Kahle, of Liberty township, John Rabe and Roy McDaniel, of Celina, J. J. Loux, of Padua, and Ford Schweitzer, of Montezuma, were among our old readers to drop in with renewals this week.

Emil Kahle, of Rockford; G. W. Stier, of Mendon; G. E. Hankins, of Center township, and several others, will join our army of readers this week.

## COMMON PLEAS COURT MATTERS

Judge Layton, while holding court in this city Wednesday, approved the final report of O. Raudabaugh, receiver of the Celina Creamery Co. The report of the company's liabilities was ordered filed and distribution made.

The court gave his opinion in the case of John Hais vs. Mason W. Brown et al., taken under advisement, following arguments last week. The petition of plaintiff and cross petition of defendants were dismissed and each party assessed to pay their own costs in the case. The suit was the result of a dispute over a line fence. The court held that the line established by the center of the old plank fence was the line between the farms in question.

Letitia J. Dumbauld was granted a divorce from her husband, Emmet Dumbauld. Defendant ordered to pay the costs.

In the case of Mary E. Roebuck vs. Mary Yocum et al., report of commissioners approved. Mary Yocum, one of the defendants, agreed to take premises at appraisement, which was placed at \$17,500. Same was awarded to her and deed ordered.

Elizabeth Suhr was granted a divorce from her husband, Lewis Suhr, on the grounds of cruelty and neglect. Custody of children was granted to the plaintiff, and as alimony the court granted her all the property, real and personal, of defendant, which includes a half interest in their 40 acre farm, northwest of town, and all farm machinery and household goods.

The argument in the case of John Hais vs. Mason W. Brown et al. was concluded last Friday afternoon, and the matter taken under advisement by Judge Layton.

The suit of Laura B. Karr against Davo Knox was settled last Friday. Plaintiff asked judgment of \$108.50, with interest, for rent. The case was compromised by defendant paying plaintiff \$20 and the costs involved.

Judge Layton, while holding court in this city last Friday dismissed the case of O. Raudabaugh as receiver of the Celina Creamery Co., against Philip Beisendorfer. The action was brought by the receiver to recover \$862.50 for butter which was sold a few days before the Creamery Co. had become defunct. Evidence showed that Manager Thaman had sold the butter to Mr. Beisendorfer, who disposed of it.

The suit of Cora M. Hein vs. Philomena Hein as executrix of the estate of Joseph Hein, deceased, was called last Friday. Under a recent will plaintiff was given but \$800 of her father's estate. Feeling that this amount was hardly a just distribution suit was brought to break the will. The matter was compromised by the defendant paying plaintiff an additional \$200, making her share \$1000.

## BOUGHT ESPECIALLY FOR HOLIDAY TRADE

It has always been our aim to handle only dependable furniture. A piece of furniture from our store is a guarantee of quality.

A piece of furniture of some kind for a X-mas presents is always appreciated, and will be the means of lasting enjoyment.

W. A. J. McDaniel has a fine assortment of new pieces, brought in especially for the holidays. Call and see them.

Jo-carts and go-carts for the little ones at The Riley & Nickel Hdw. store.

## Farm for Sale

Eighty acre farm, well improved, on Pike, two miles from Celina. Call on Mr. P. E. Kenney, Celina.

## For Cracked Hands

In rough work, when the hands become cracked, Handol's Balsam will quickly heal them. Simply apply the Balsam the same as for open wounds.

W. A. J. McDaniel has a large assortment of rocking chairs, ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$5.00, any of which will make a nice X-mas present. You never have too many rockers in the house. Think this over, get busy and give us a call.

How can you make 12 X-mas presents for the same amount of money. Boosa Photo Shop, Main street, Celina.

For roasters and enamelware see The Riley & Nickel Hdw. Co.

## A GREAT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Arranged for the Services Monday Evening at the Hopewell Lutheran Church.

Preparations are being made by the congregation and pastor of the Hopewell township Lutheran Church for a great program for their Christmas services next Monday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock. The program, which will open with an organ prelude, is as follows:

Song by Sunday-school.....Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Opening service.....Reading and chanting Recitation.....Florence Regazzani, Harry Meyer Song.....Edna Pierstorff, Lena Regazzani I-Bethlehem.

Recitations.....Lawrence Pierstorff, Edgar Frahm Primary song.....Little Ones of Bethlehem Recitation.....Dora Willrath Solo—Sweet Fields of Bethlehem.....Flora Pierstorff

Recitation....."Good Tidings of Great Joy." Recitation.....Albert Regazzani Song—"All My Heart This Night Rejoices," Laura Pierstorff, Alma Luth, Robert Luth, Wilmer Frahm and Harold Frahm.

Song.....Thousand Thy Candles Sparkling Recitation.....Hazel Willrath, Florence Regazzani, Mabel Regazzani, Recitations.....Esther Smith, Emma Willrath Song.....Sweet Babe in the Manger Recitations.....Herbert Lenke, Ervin Meyer Primary song.....Anna Lenke Solo—All Hail The Power of Jesus Name.....I-Holy Night

Recitation.....There Came Wise Men from the East. Recitations—Mabel Regazzani, Edgar Pierstorff, Chloé Willrath, Roy Luth, Hilda, Hilda Frahm, George Luth, Willard Silk.

Song.....Where is the New-Born King? Recitation.....Hazel Willrath, Florence Regazzani, Mabel Regazzani, Choir.....O Beautiful Star Recitation.....Hazel Willrath, Edgar Pierstorff, Walter Pierstorff, Howard Program, Mabel Krogman, Ernest Luth March song.....

We Bring Our Gifts So Gladly Offerings.....Closing service.

## Lutheran Church Services

Rev. F. G. Reitz, of this city, announces services for his congregations next Sunday and Christmas as follows:

St. John's, Celina—Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m.; confessional service, 9:30 a.m.; communion service, 10 a.m. Children's Christmas service, 7 p.m.

German services on Wednesday at 10 a.m. There will be a meeting of the church council directly after the services.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Hopewell township—Sunday-school, 1 p.m.; English service, 2 p.m.; children's Christmas service, Wednesday evening.

## BIG CLASS OF CHILDREN CONFIRMED IN LOCAL CATHOLIC CHURCH